

DOLE TO
SETTLE
ON SITEHas No Opposition
to Proposed
Location.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Governor Dole has tentatively signified his assent to the proposal of the Federal building site committee, and in the opinion of the men who have been most concerned in the matter of the securing of the site for the erection of a suitable structure for the housing of local offices, only detailed consideration is needed to settle the entire transfer of lots. The information from Governor Dole came yesterday in a message from that official at Puuwaawaa, where he is now stopping on a visit to Eben Low.

The matter being brought before the Governor in a message from Chairman Thurston of the committee, the letter to Mr. Thurston contains the view of the official upon the matter at hand. Governor Dole says that he has not at hand all the information which he must have to enable him to make the proclamation of exchange, and so would hold over the final settlement of the affair until his return to Honolulu, which is now expected on January 10th. At no point in the communication occurs an expression which may be construed as finding any fault with the selections of the committee, and the tenor of the communication leaves in the minds of the committee members only the idea that the settlement will be concluded favorably immediately upon the coming of Governor Dole.

The bases for this belief are in part the fact that Governor Dole knew the site for which the committee desired an exchange, before his departure, and while no decision had then been taken by the body, he had been unofficially apprised that there was a strong pressure in favor of the Bishop street corner, and that Esplanade lots would be requested in exchange. On the occasion of one meeting when Governor Dole was asked as to the disposition of the Governor as to the making of exchanges to secure such a property as that desired in this instance, he said without hesitation that the local Government would do all in its power to effect a transfer which would bring about a speedy conclusion of the matters at point.

Commissioner Eustis was seen yesterday and the conclusions of the letter of the Governor conveyed to him. He said that he thought there would be a satisfactory settlement from the tenor of the note. He then said that he would try and take his departure in the Korea of Saturday or Friday, so that he might be in Washington before the middle of the month and thus expect to secure action upon his report before the conclusion of the present session of Congress. Departure from Honolulu in the Korea would mean that the Commissioner might hope to reach Washington by January 13th, if the best connections are made along the straightest lines.

It is understood that Mr. Eustis will bear with him full maps and statements of the lands comprised in the plot which has the commendation of the committee. There will be also a statement from the United States Attorney bearing upon the title under which the Bishop Estate lands are held, and thus all that is needed for his making an ample report is the simple word signifying that the offer of the Bishop Estate, of the lands, has been accepted and that the deed will go forward at once. This should reach Washington not later than January 12th, Monday, as the return of Governor Dole on Saturday will be followed immediately by conferences on the matter of the exchange.

The members of the committee are of opinion that there shall be no delay in the getting together of the various interests in the case, and Mr. Eustis will leave with the report that naught but formal approval of details remains to make the site question a settled thing.

DEMURRER IN
THE BANK SUIT

An amended demurrer was filed yesterday in the First American Savings & Trust Co. suit in which it was set out that there had been a misjoinder of parties defendant and that the proceedings were not properly brought. It is further alleged that the petition does not set out the regularity of the meetings of those of the respondents. It is further claimed that the action of President Brown in ruling out the Huntington estate proxies was legal and proper.

Judge Robinson yesterday accepted a bond of \$1,000 from M. G. Silva to insure the payment of alimony to his wife, and the contempt citation will be dismissed.

W. H. Johnson has been appointed guardian of his minor daughter, Helen Johnson.

Goal for the Year.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The board of aldermen today voted \$150,000 to buy coal for the poor of the city.

CABLE LAYING
WAITS ON A
CALMER SEA

Silvertown Will Stay at Anchor Until Indications Are That the Winds and Waves Have Alike Subsided and That There Will be a Chance to Complete Laying and Splicing.

THREE great blasts from the siren of the Silvertown will tell that the cable steamer has decided to make another attempt to ride out the seas and find the end of the cable, so that communication may be established between Honolulu and San Francisco, the contract of the corporation making and laying the strand carried out, and everything that may be done here by a ship completed.

All day yesterday the cable men afloat and ashore watched the clouds and the sea, looking for an abatement of the wind and waves which would permit the Silvertown to go out and make another attempt to pick up the cut end of the deep sea line. But while the winds went down and the conditions became more favorable above, there was little abatement of the seas, and the result was that even when the night came there could be no definite announcement made as to the time when the ship would renew its trial to complete its mission into the mid-Pacific.

The expressed opinion last evening when the last communication was had between the ship and the shore was that an attempt would be made early this morning to make the run out to the spot where the cable had been dropped and pick up the end. The difficulty of this operation is apparent when it is realized that the very first thing to be done before the end is landed on the ship is to lower a boat for the purpose of getting the buoy aboard the ship. This is impossible, unless there is a fair sea, and the captain of the Silvertown was not, last evening, too well pleased with the prospect of staying here for several days with the work undone, though that prospect was in sight.

It is estimated that it will take a four hours' run from off the harbor to the location of the cable buoy, and in the event that the sea will permit the tackling of the job of lifting the cable, this operation will consume, with the splicing on of the intermediate cable, something like two hours, and the chances are that even more time will be consumed in making ready for the last run of the long trip.

The intention now is to keep up the plan as outlined by the journey if the Silvertown Monday. The first splice will be at the deep sea, something like 35 miles off port, or nearly 30 miles away from the buoy indicating the point at which the last end was dropped during the run of Monday. From that point the cable will be stretched in to meet the intermediate and shore ends, and thus the final junction of the lines will be witnessed from the Diamond Head cliffs.

The feeling in San Francisco is perhaps as strong as here, though the fact that the cable people were told that no cable was to be cut and dropped preceded the closing of all communication with that land end. From that the cable people knew that there was nothing to be done.

On the 21st of June the masons of Lihue invited all the masons of Kauai to a banquet, and on Dec. 27th, this fraternal hospitality was returned by the masons of the leeward side of the island.

The gathering took place at the Waima hall which was most beautifully decorated. At 8 p. m. twenty-five masons sat down to the table, replete with the good things of this and other lands. The table was in the form of a square or at an angle of ninety degrees at the apex of which sat Mr. Bole, the toastmaster of the occasion, who conducted the exercises in a most inspiring and happy manner. He welcomed the brethren, spoke of the universality of masonry and its good work and commended the spirit which prompted these gatherings.

Mr. Rosenblydt next read letters of thanks from various lodges on the island for invitations received, and letters of regret from absent brethren.

Toasts which had been assigned were now in order as follows: H. H. Brodie, "Masons of the Hawaiian Islands;" "Blue Lodges," John Bush; "Masonry and the Grand Lodges," by Prince L. Toppie, who presented the subject matter. Following these the toastmaster called upon all the members for impromptu toasts.

The exercises then turned into a discussion of the advisability of forming a lodge of masons on Kauai. It was stated that the brethren had membership in lodges in various states and

ing at this end to cause great alarm, and their tests will show that the line now extends very close to the islands. As to the date of the opening of the line, nothing can be arranged as yet, owing to the fact that there can be no forecast of the state of the sea during the next few days. It is regarded as certain by Mr. Dickinson and others, however, that the tests which are to be made by the engineers of the company, before the cable may be turned over to the operating corporation for service, will occupy from one to two days, and even after the ends of the strand are connected and the speaking instrument shows that San Francisco is in actual communication with Honolulu, tests will be made at great length, and upon the results of these will depend much of the data that is to be collected for guidance in relation to future work in the Pacific.

This would indicate that there will be such delay that it will be either Friday or Saturday before the line may be used for even the formal communications, and the Cable Day celebration will not be held until that formality is possible.

As soon as the Silvertown gets under way and goes out to sea, then the constant watch will be kept upon the tape from the recorder, for the purpose of keeping in touch with the ship in case the officers may decide to pick up the end which is in the channel. The failure to catch the first word sent by a ship is regarded as the crime of an operator's life, and the machines will be kept hard at work all the time for the purpose of being ready for any action.

The installation of most of the machinery has been accomplished, and everything is ready for keeping up the work, once the ends of the line have been spliced.

PORTUGUESE WILL CELEBRATE. Not the least of those who are expected to profit by the installation of the Pacific Commercial Cable are the Portuguese residents of Honolulu. On the day when the cable is open a congratulatory cablegram will be sent in the name of the Portuguese colony of Hawaii to Don Carlos I, King of Portugal, the Queen, Crown Prince and the royal family in general.

The initiative was taken by J. F. Durao, M. A. Gonsalves, J. M. Vivas, Frank Andrade and J. P. Rodriguez, who constitute a committee to arrange for the sending of the cablegram.

A subscription list is now being circulated in the name of the committee by Mr. Durao, which says in effect that in view of the opening of cable communication between Hawaii to the mainland of the United States, the Portuguese residents wish to salute by this medium their Majesties and the members of the royal family, wishing them and the kingdom of Portugal long continued prosperity. The project is meeting with general approval.

Senhor A. de Souza Canavaro, the Portuguese Consul, will send the cablegram in the name of all the Portuguese colony of the Territory.

The fact that the members are scattered over the island, and that they have no hall, makes them carefully deliberate upon the proposition. A committee was appointed to consider and look up the matter and report at the coming luau to be held next June at Lihue.

Special credit is due Messrs. McClellan, Rosenblydt, Olmstead, Goudie and Hofgaard for the preparation of the luau and decorations.

The exercises were varied by fine music rendered by the Koia quartette, supplemented by the entertaining specialties of Mr. Vaughn.

The following brethren were present: Messrs. Anderson and Toppie from Keala, Wishard, Crawford and Wm. H. Rice from Lihue, Flohr and Bush from Koloa, Bole, McKenzie and McKee from Eleale, Brodie from Hanalei, Hastie, Dyson, Greig and Wilkinson from Makaweli, Hofgaard, Wells, Goudie, McClellan and Rosenblydt from Waima, Paye and Olmstead from Kakaia. The visiting brethren present were Capt. Gregory and Chief Engineer Norton of the Mikahala and Mr. Tannast of Honolulu.

These luau are most commendable masonic gatherings for brethren scattered as they are on these islands. All present regretted the absence of Messrs. J. H. Cony and E. E. Conant, whose presence was required in Honolulu at that time.

The Tunnel Franchise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A motion to recommend the majority report favoring the grant of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel franchise was voted down by the board of aldermen today. The vote was 15 to 12. To pass the franchise a majority of the board and not a majority of those voting is necessary. Thus, forty votes will be needed to grant the franchise.

NEW YEAR COMES WITH A
HEARTY GREETING FROM ALLDin of Night Noises Welcomes the Stranger.
Many Merry-Making Parties Dance
the Old Year Away.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Whirr of whistle, boom of bomb and flash of fire, blare of brass, din of detonation and aloha of all who witnessed the incoming of the youngest of the years, greeted the change of Father Time from the last of the old to the first of the new last midnight. And when at the stroke of 12 o'clock the myriad noises of the night gave token that the people were placing their homage at the feet of the incoming guest, every one who had waited for the moment showed their interest and with the most varied of expression added to the noise and the merriment.

There was nothing lacking. The whistles of the various factories of the city were kept going for a quarter of an hour after the minute hand indicated the birth of the period which will bring to Hawaii so many good things, and as their din made the night alive with echoes, from every corner of the downtown district arose shouts which were almost instantly drowned by the crack of bombs and the sputter of crackers. There was more than a fair representation of the life of the city on the streets and the uproar continued until a late hour with the many means of making noise, used to their fullest extent by the people who wished to show appreciation that a year, which had witnessed such peculiar times for the people of the Territory, had passed into history to give place to 1903, which comes with all the pathway of progress cleared and everything made ready for the greatest development. The New Year had lived for an hour before the din ceased and gave place to the quiet of the night.

MERRYMAKING MARKS THE OCCASION.

The close of the year was the occasion for many merry parties. Of the public ones none exceeded in jollity the dancing party which was given by Manager James of the Moana Hotel, for the guests of the establishment and such of the townspeople as gathered to take part in the festivities. There were many dinner parties preceding the event of the evening and the pretty dining room, ablaze with colored lights and bright with greens and blooms formed a fitting setting for the gowns and decorations. The feast was a notable one too, worthy of the occasion and place.

The largest party was one which was given for the enjoyment of a coterie of friends who joined for the occasion, and saw the death of the year. For their entertainment a special setting of a banquet table had been made and the favors were peculiarly fitting to the season and the party. There was much of merriment during the feast and after it had concluded the forty guests formed the center of the dancing party which filled the Waikiki parlors of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Church were the leaders and among the others who were included were all the young officers from Camp McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George Angus, the Misses Angus, Miss Roth, Mrs. and Miss Hutchins, Mr. Willis, Mrs. Winters and a number of others.

Dr. and Mrs. Humphris entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Baird, and Mr. H. W. Lake, entertained in honor of Mr. E. D. Moore, of the Associated Press. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis had Capt. and Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Widdfield for guests and M. Phillips and wife were the center of a party of friends. There were numerous other small companies and the dancing after the dinner was general. The Glee Club played during dinner and for the dancing later.

TARO ROT
REMEDYBulletin Issued by
Mr. Jared G.
Smith.

The Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station has just issued its second bulletin, dealing this time with taro rot and suggesting remedies for its cure and prevention. The bulletin is issued under the supervision of Director Jared G. Smith by T. P. Sedgwick and his suggestions regarding the prevention of the destructive disease which threatens the extinction of the crop are of great importance. Taro is the staff of life for the native, being the principal ingredient of poi, and its extinction would be a loss not easily replaced.

A history of taro cultivation is given in the bulletin, with the information that the plant is fourth among the products of the islands though less in

PUNAHOU CELEBRATE.

The most elaborate dinner was the annual one of the Punahou Athletic club, in honor of the football team. There was a full table and the evening was spent with spirit and enjoyment. The dinner was enlivened by music from a Glee Club and the cheer of the college was heard to resound through the great building when a punctuation mark was needed for any of the many speeches which recounted the glories of victory and the valor of opponents.

Clarence H. Cooke acted as toastmaster and brought out speeches from almost every member of the club present and the visitors as well. There were toasts to the men whose individual records had made the record of the season so brilliant, and to the clubs of the league, and the occasion was one of the utmost good feeling and the appreciation of the occasion was unanimous. The men who sat down to the dinner were: F. H. Armstrong, H. A. Wildemann, C. P. Morse, C. H. Elston, F. W. Kiehn, F. A. Lauke, T. W. Dibblee, C. A. Mackintosh, H. C. Enston, W. S. Rycroft, H. A. Walker, W. H. Rawlins, Percy Benson, C. H. Cooke, W. A. Anderson, H. P. Judd, H. W. Forbes, W. S. Walker, C. G. Fuller, N. B. Lansing, A. Marcellino, J. L. P. Robinson, J. D. Marcellino, C. C. Cunha, and M. A. Robinson, with certain others who joined the company only for a moment.

KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATE.

The graduates of Kamehameha schools danced the old year out last evening at the club of the alumni on Fort street. There was a merry party and the hours were gladly speeded. The entertainment began at 8 o'clock with music by the Emerald quartet. There was then dancing and the display of costumes was a striking one.

The main assembly room was given over to the dancing and the rear apartments were used for the service of an excellent supper and refreshments in general. There were some special features such as an enjoyable selection on the phonograph by E. Stiles. The dancing was under the direction of a committee with C. H. Siensen as chairman, and everything was of the most enjoyable.

THE REBEKAHS.

The New Year's eve dance of the Pacific Rebekah lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at Progress hall was a huge success in point of numbers as well as in the enjoyment derived from several hours of alternate dancing the waltz and deus temps. In a hall strikingly decorated with strings of flags of various nations, embellished with flowers and greens and a motto, "Happy New Year" conspicuous over the archway of the platform, hundreds of young people danced from one year into another, only stopping for a few minutes as midnight came to greet 1903 with a blast from horns and ear-splitting whistles.

Captain Paul Smith was the floor manager and made a distinct hit with the young folks who demanded an encore after each dance by gallantly acquiescing. The music was good, the lemonade and cake excellent, the crowd was in the merriest frame of mind, and the hall rang with laughter and "Happy New Year" greetings. The program consisted of nearly twenty dances with an intermission before midnight for a light repast. One of the principal features was in the observance of the birth of the new year and at the first blast of a horn given by a charming member of the Rebekahs the hall resounded with noise for several minutes.

The investment in taro growing is from \$450,000 to \$500,000, and Prof. Sedgwick says the cultivation of taro is exceedingly profitable.

There is also a sketch of the method of culture and a lengthy explanation of the taro rot, which more readily affects wet land taro than the dry land plant. The disease is said to destroy on an average one-half of the crop and in many cases it has compelled the growers to give up cultivation entirely. All the islands are reported to be alike affected. The disease is said to be of two forms, one due to soil conditions and lack of drainage; the other to the planting of diseased hules.

The effects of the experiments at Kailua are told in detail, with a record of the investigations and Prof. Sedgwick suggests improved methods of irrigation and of culture. Attention is paid also to the need of fertilizers, many of the taro fields having been in constant use for cultivation for nearly a century.

The following are the conclusions given in the bulletin as the conditions necessary to secure a good crop of taro:

1. A supply of good hules, free from disease.
2. A patch so laid out as to secure the most economical use of the irrigation water.
3. The application of proper fertilizers at the right time.
4. A constantly running stream of water circulating over the fields, or when this is not possible, a frequent change of water.
5. An occasional change in the variety of the taro planted.
6. An entire change of hules from one patch to another, or a rotation of crops, planting taro land for rice or bananae, etc.

ASSESSORS
FOR NEW YEARTreas. Kepoikai Makes
But Very Few
Changes.

Treasurer Kepoikai has approved the list of deputy tax assessors and collectors for the year 1903. There are but half a dozen changes in the list from those of a year ago, and these only in case of resignations or dismissals for cause. Treasurer Kepoikai in reappointing the assessors for another year signifies his adherence to the statement made by him upon assuming the duties of his office, namely, that there would be no clean sweep of the offices for political reasons only.

The following are the newly appointed officers:

OAHU.
Honolulu—James L. Holt, M. C. Amama, A. W. Neely, Charley Phillips. Honolulu, Income Tax—J. M. Riggs. Ewa and Waianae—Frank K. Archer. Wailua—Edward Hore. Koolaula—James Davis. Koolapoko No. 1—Henry C. Adams. Koolapoko No. 2—James Davis.

MAUI.
Lahaina, Molokai and Lanai—G. H. Dunn. Wailuku—James N. K. Keola. Makawao—W. O. Aiken. Hanalei—M. H. Reuter.

HAWAII.
South Hill—George H. Williams. First Deputy: R. A. Lyman, Sr., Second Deputy.

Puna—Henry J. Lyman. Kau—Wm. P. Fennell. North Kona—J. Kaelemakule. South Kona—Moses Koki. North Kona—Wm. P. McDougall. Hamakua—William Horner.

KAUAI.
Waima and Niihau—J. K. Kapumia. Koloa—Henry Blake. Lihue—J. B. Hanalei. Kawaihau—J. W. Neal. Hanalei—W. E. H. Deverill.

SUGAR LOADED
AT A FAST RATE

The Oahu Railway people did some very fast work at their sugar wharf on Tuesday afternoon in conveying on board the steamer Nebraska 22,000 bags of sugar during twelve and one-half hours' work. The sugar wharf is equipped in such a manner that sugar can be loaded here as fast as at any port in the world.

Only two conveyors were used on Tuesday, and but forty men were at work trucking the sugar from various parts of the warehouses to the conveyors. One thousand seven hundred and sixty bags of sugar went into the vessel every hour, or twenty-nine bags went over the conveyors every minute.

Leaving for the Coast.

Mr. F. J. Eckart, director of the Hawaiian Planters' Experimental station, is booked to leave on the Korea for a vacation. Commissioner of Agriculture Taylor will also leave by the same steamer. He goes especially to obtain all the information possible relative to regulations of quarantining and excluding plants, fruits, etc., accompanied with plant pests, from the Territory.

The territorial laws at present are inadequate. Plants and fruits coming from domestic ports cannot be examined by the entomologist—only those from foreign countries. With Mr. Eckart they will consult with Mr. Albert Crow, the state quarantine officer and entomologist, not only on the blight question but as regards a fumigating plant and sundries, which are badly needed. Governor Dole wrote the Commissioner by last mail heartily approving of the means to attain the desired information and gives Mr. Taylor nineteen days' leave of absence. He will bring forest tree and grass seeds with him. Prof. Perkins will have charge of the office during his absence.

A New Summer Resort.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 15.—The Courier-Journal this morning says: A deed was recorded yesterday in the county clerk's office whereby South Park, formerly a summer resort situated thirteen miles from Louisville on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, passes into the hands of William H. Beach, a Los Angeles (Cal.) capitalist. It is stated that he will convert part of the property into a summer resort and another part into a children's home where abandoned waifs will be given every care and attention. The place contains about 300 acres of land and a 25 acre lake.

Looking for Poachers.

SAN DIEGO, December 16.—Officers of the Mexican government came up on the steamer St. Dennis yesterday in search of a sloop that is alleged to have had on board a cargo of guano, taken from one of the islands off the lower coast without permission. The sloop was overtaken within United States waters, however, and nothing could be done. It is claimed that the sloop landed at the island and took aboard about 400 sacks of guano that was ready to be shipped by the owners of the concession from Gerotimo Island, the value of the stuff being about \$500.

A Cough is not a disease, but a symptom. It indicates that the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed. This inflammation often leads to pneumonia. The surest way to ward off pneumonia is to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on the first appearance of the cough of cold. It always cures and cures quickly. All dealers and druggists sell it. Chamberlain, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.